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## CHAPTER XXXVI.

AN ACT to create a State Normal School, and declaring an emergency.

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Object of Normal School.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That there shall be established and maintained, as hereinafter provided, a State Normal School, the object of which shall be the preparation of teachers for teaching in the common schools of Indiana.

Governor to appoint trustees. Their powers, &c.

SEC. 2. In order to the establishment and maintenance of such a school, the Governor shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, four competent persons, who shall in themselves, and in their successors, constitute a perpetual body corporate, with power to sue and be sued, and to hold in trust all funds and property which may be provided for said Normal School, and who shall be known and designated as the "Board of Trustees of the Indiana State Normal School." The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be *ex-officio* member of this board.

Members of board, terms of office, vacancies how filled.

SEC. 3. That two members of this board shall retire, as may determined by lot or otherwise, in two years after their appointment; and the remaining two in four years; whereupon the Governor, subject to the approval of the Senate, shall appoint, as aforesaid, their successors for a period of four years. All vacancies occurring in said board from death or resignation, shall be filled by appointments made by the Governor.

Meeting of board.

SEC. 4. Said board of trustees shall meet on the second Tuesday in January, 1866, at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and shall organize by electing one of their number President and one Secretary, each for a term of two years; and at this or at a subsequent meeting, they shall elect some suitable person outside of their number as Treasurer, who shall, before entering on duty, give bond in such sum as they may prescribe.

Secretary and Treasurer to be chosen.

Books to be opened for donations—person may be appointed to explain ob- school.

SEC. 5. Said board shall, at its first meeting, open books to receive from different parts of the State proposals for donations of grounds and buildings, or funds for the procuring of grounds and erection of buildings for said Normal School; also, they may, if deemed needful, at this or a subsequent meeting, appoint one of their number, or other competent person, to visit different parts of the State and explain the nature and objects of said Normal Schools, and to receive proposals of donations of buildings and grounds, or of funds for the same.

SEC. 6. Said board shall locate said school at such place as shall obligate itself for the largest donation: *Provided, first*, That said donation shall not be less, in cash value, than fifty thousand dollars: *Second*, That such place shall possess reasonable facilities for the success of said school. Where school to be located.

SEC. 7. Said board shall immediately after the selection of place of location, proceed to let a contract or contracts for the erection of a building, to the lowest responsible bidder: *Provided*, That no member of the board be a contractor for building, or for furnishing any material therefor. Contract for erection of building.

SEC. 8. Said board shall organize in connection with the Normal School, in the same building with the Normal School, or in a separate building, as they shall decide, a Model School, wherein such pupils of the Normal School, as shall be of sufficient advancement, shall be trained in the practice of organizing, teaching and managing schools. Model school.

SEC. 9. Said board shall prescribe the course of study for the Normal School, shall elect the instructors, and fix their salaries, and shall determine the conditions, subject to limitations hereinafter specified, on which pupils shall be admitted to the privileges of these schools. Course of study. Salaries of instructors.

SEC. 10. The following conditions shall be requisite to admission to the privileges of instruction in the Normal School: Conditions upon which pupils are to be admitted into said school.

*First.* Sixteen years of age, if females, and eighteen, if males.

*Second.* Good health.

*Third.* Satisfactory evidence of undoubted moral character.

*Fourth.* A written pledge on the part of the applicant, filed with the principal, that said applicant will, so far as may be practicable, teach in the common schools of Indiana a period equal to twice the time spent as a pupil in the Normal School; together with such other conditions as the Board may from time to time impose.

SEC. 11. Tuition in the Normal School shall be free to all residents of Indiana who fulfil the four conditions set forth in section 10 of this act, and such other conditions as the Board may require. Tuition to be free.

SEC. 12. A high standard of christian morality shall be observed in the management of the school, and so far as practicable, be inculcated in the minds of the pupils, yet no religious sectarian tenets shall be taught. Christian morality to be observed in management of school.

SEC. 13. Said Board of Trustees shall biennially make a report to the Legislature, setting forth the financial and scholastic condition of the schools; also making such suggestions as in their judgment will tend to the improvement Board of Trustees to report biennially.



of the same; and the years in which there is no session of the Legislature, they shall make a report of the scholastic condition of these schools to the Governor on or before the first Monday in January.

Board of visitors.

SEC. 14. The President of the State University, the President of the Agricultural College, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, shall constitute a Board of Visitors, who shall, in a body, or by one of their number, visit said schools at least once each term, and witness the exercises, and otherwise inspect the literary condition of these schools, and at the close of each academic year, they shall make a report to the Board of Trustees.

Normal school fund.

SEC. 15. As soon as the Normal School is open to receive students, the Board of Trustees shall inform the Superintendent of Public Instruction, whereupon he shall, in his next apportionment of the school revenue for the State, deduct five thousand dollars, and semi-annually thereafter he shall deduct the same amount, which shall be set apart, and be known and held as the Normal School Fund. This money shall be paid out only on the warrant of the Auditor, drawn on the order of the Board of Trustees.

Fees of members of Board.

SEC. 16. The members of the Board of Trustees shall each be allowed five dollars for each day's service rendered, also traveling expenses, to be paid out of the State treasury.

Fees of treasurer and agent.

SEC. 17. Said Board shall pay their treasurer, and their agent, if such be appointed as provided for in section fifth of this act, such sums for their services as shall be reasonable and just.

Emergency declared.

SEC. 18. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, it is hereby declared that it shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.